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Remarks

Reconsideration of the Office Action is respectfully requested. The objection to the specification and the indefiniteness rejection of Claim 18 have been cured hereby.

Claims 1, 11, 17, and 18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Hanawa et al., USPN 5,450,471 and Claims 2-5, 10, 13, 15, 19, and 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Hanawa et al. in view of Metroka, USPN 5,249,302.

Claim 1 requires storing the mobile station identification number to the wireless phone *only upon determination that the wireless module provides proper operation in an intended area*, to facilitate communication using a common phone number with either format. Elements 9 and 10 of Hanawa et al. have been relied on for this element but all the portions cited in the Office Action disclose is that element 9 provides communications conditions and the subscriber's number, without any evident conditions on this provision, much less the one claimed. The allegation in the rejection that the mobile station ID is received upon verification of proper operation appears to be incorrect, because nothing in the relied-upon portions of the reference mention verifying anything, much less as a condition for providing a number. Instead, the element 9 simply provides, apparently as a package, communication conditions together with a subscriber number. The rejection is overcome.

Because independent Claims 11 and 17 require receiving the mobile station identification number upon verification of proper operation of the module, they likewise are patentable for reasons above.

The fact that Applicant has focussed its comments distinguishing the present claims from the applied references and countering certain rejections must not be construed as acquiescence in other portions of rejections not specifically addressed. For example, Applicant does not believe that it would have been

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obvious to alter Hanawa et al. with Metroka to replace the analog system of Hanawa et al. with another digital system, because it appears that the entire point of Hanawa et al. is to facilitate both digital and analog use.

The Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned at (619) 338-8075 for any reason which would advance the instant application to allowance.

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